

**Finance, Legislation and Planning (FL&P) Committee**  
**February 13, 2009**  
**Richmond Marriott West**  
**9:00 AM**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Others:
Gary Dalton	VACO Representative	Scott Winston	Jason Campbell
Art Lipscomb		Gary Brown	Jeff Meyer
Theresa Guins, MD		Warren Short	Randy Abernathy
Rob Logan		Chad Blosser	Jennie Collins
Michael Player		Greg Neiman	Melinda Duncan
Byron Andrews			Karen Wagner
Ed Rhodes			Don Barklodge
Bruce Edwards			George Lindbeck, MD
Morris Reece			Asher Brand, MD
Kent Weber			Gary Samuels
Mike Harmon			

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<b>Opening</b>	Gary Dalton, Chair opened the meeting. The minutes from the November 12, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved with the following amendments; <i>Mr. Kent Weber was excused from attendance at the meeting.</i> Dr. Theresa Guins pointed out that under "Potential 2009 Legislation related to EMS" it appears some narrative may be missing in the first bulleted item under Pediatric Coordinator/Officer. The committee agreed the narrative should be revised and amended to read, <i>"The Office of EMS is committed to ensuring that pediatric EMS patients receive high quality patient care and recognizes pediatrics as a unique and specialized patient type that EMS providers will encounter."</i>	<b>Motion: Approve minutes from the Nov. 12, 2008 meeting, with amendment. Motion passed unanimously.</b>
<b>OEMS Update</b>	Scott Winston, Asst. Director, OEMS reported the OEMS quarterly report to the EMS Advisory Board would no longer be printed from general distribution. Due to the budget deficit, OEMS Quarterly Reports would be available on-line at the OEMS Web site prior to the EMS Advisory Board meetings.  Mr. Winston and Mr. Brown provided the committee an update on the state	

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	<p>budget. (See 2009 Legislative Update.)</p> <p>The committee was advised the additional .25 revenue collected from motor vehicle registrations (approximately \$1.6M) as a result of legislation passed during the 2008 session of the VA General Assembly has been targeted by budget committees. These funds were approved by the legislature to defray the cost of certification and recertification of EMS personnel as an incentive to recruit and retain EMS personnel. Delegate O'Bannon has submitted a budget amendment in the House to restore \$1M of the \$1.6M proposed to be transferred to the Virginia State Police for Med-Flight operations.</p> <p>Mr. Winston reported the Office of EMS held a mandatory pre-bid conference on January 22 in Richmond to meet with entities interested in submitting a proposal for the development of a state-wide, Web based patient care reporting system. The deadline for applications and proposals is Monday, Feb. 23. Mr. Rob Logan asked who is on the team assigned to evaluate the bids received in response to the PPCR solicitation. Mr. Winston stated the composition of the team has not been determined. Mr. Logan emphasized the importance of end user input in the selection process.</p> <p>Mr. Winston reported the proposed EMS Regulations and DDNR Regulations were being presented today to the Board of Health for approval. The proposed regulations will become part of the regulatory review package if they are approved by the Board and move forward as part of the notice of intended regulatory action (NOIRA). Preliminary dates have been set to receive comments on the proposed EMS Regulations and DDNR Regulations for Saturday, April 4 in Wytheville, VA and Friday, April 24 in Suffolk, VA. Mr. Winston advised the committee to check the OEMS Web site at <a href="http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/oems">http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/oems</a> for updates.</p>	
<b>State EMS Strategic Plan Update</b>	Mr. Winston reminded the committee the state strategic and operational EMS plan is posted on the OEMS Web site. Mr. Winston reported there has been no progress since the last meeting to explore the possibility of incorporating documents that	

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	<p>establish the scope of practice in Virginia (defined in part by the medications and procedures schedules approved by the Medical Direction Committee) into the state EMS plan.</p> <p>The EMS plan must be reviewed and revised as necessary by the Board of Health every three years. Prior to approval by the BOH, the state EMS plan is approved by the state EMS Advisory Board.</p> <p>Mr. Winston expressed the need to begin the triennial review of the State EMS Plan. The committee agreed to meet on Thursday, May 14 from 3 PM until 5:30 PM to discuss and develop a process to update the plan. Mr. Winston stated the Office uses MS Project to track progress toward completing the objectives in the annual EMS operational plan. Mr. Winston will direct Mr. Tim Perkins, State EMS Planner to prepare an overview of the planning process utilized by OEMS and to brief the committee on the status of the plan.</p>	<p><b>State EMS Planning session will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2009 from 3 PM until 5:30 PM at a location to be determined in the Richmond area.</b></p>
<p><b>Process Action Team (PAT) Update/Regional EMS Council Designation Process</b></p>	<p>Mr. Winston referred the committee members to Appendix D of the OEMS Quarterly Report to the state EMS Advisory Board. Specifically on page 15, a series of next steps are outlined:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Clarify/interpret the language in the Designation Manual to insure that more than one regional EMS council can serve a service area.</li> <li>2) Develop a FACT sheet on the PAT's work and recommendations to include roster that summarizes the process, proposal, and the agreement. Clarify that PAT members fully participated and a public comment period allowed for others to provide additional information. Send FACT sheet to the PAT members for review and comment before distribution.</li> <li>3) Each PAT member will make a report to the group that they represent using the FACT sheet. The PAT commits to utilizing the final approved FACT sheet as the primary method of communication to avoid confusion and misinformation.</li> <li>4) A small group (Gary Critzer, Donna Burns and Jason Campbell) will meet with Delegate Abbitt to tell him that there has been agreement to request the BOH to designate seven (7) service areas and ask him to remove the</li> </ol>	



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	<p>fund.”</p> <p>Explanation:</p> <p>(This amendment transfers \$1.50 from “\$4.25 for Life” to the general fund in Fiscal year 2010. The introduced budget directs \$0.25 to the state police for operations of med-flight. This amendment diverts \$1.50 of each registration fee to The general fund in FY2010 only. The remaining fee of \$2.50 will be used for recruitment, retention and training of volunteer rescue squads.)</p> <p>There was much discussion about this proposal and several committee members reported they have heard talk that if funds from the Federal Economic Stimulus Package are not available to replace the money transferred from the EMS Fund, the money will not be taken out of the budget.</p> <p>It was pointed out that the Governor has set up a Web site to solicit recommendations from the public about how the funds from the economic stimulus package should be spent. The Web site is <a href="http://www.stimulus.virginia.gov">http://www.stimulus.virginia.gov</a>.</p> <p>Mr. Ed Rhodes provided updates on a number of legislative measures including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <u>Appointment of EMS representative to the state Board of Health.</u> There is no opposition to the bill.</li> <li>b. <u>Reporting Requirements. Protection of Aged or Incapacitated Adults (§63.2-1606).</u> It was reported this legislation looks like it will pass. However, it has been reported that the Dept. of Social Services has expressed concern about being able to obtain a copy of the medical record from the receiving medical facility.</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Lipscomb shared information about other legislative initiatives related to Line of Duty Deaths, Ryan White Act and the upcoming Fire Services Caucus luncheon.</p>	

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<b>Old Business</b>	No Old Business came before the Committee.	
<b>New Business</b>	No New Business came before the Committee.	
<b>2009 Meeting Dates</b>	The FL& P Committee is scheduled to meet at 9 AM on the morning of each quarterly state EMS Advisory Board. The 2009 meeting dates for FL&P committee are May 15; and Friday, August 7. The fourth quarter meeting date and location for the FL&P committee is to be determined (TBD).	
<b>Adjournment</b>	The Committee adjourned at 10:30 AM.	